

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/648,865	ROUYER ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
Robert W. Wilson	2619

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 8/24/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 4-7, 15, 17-20, 28-34 (Re#1-18).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 10/19/07.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other Robert W. Wilson
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Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 12/6/04, 3/12/04, 8/26/03.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Tucker on 10/19/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

On line 2 of claim 1, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence"
On line 12 of claim 1, deleted "which will be"
On line 13 of claim 1, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence"

On lines 1-2 of claim 2 , deleted RSTP-based" and replace with "Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol-based (RSTP-based)"

On line 14 of claim 15, deleted "which will be"

On line 15 of claim 15, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence".

On line 3 of claim 32, delete "re/convergence" and replace with "reconvergence or convergence"

On line 13 of claim 32, delete "will be used".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 15, 17-20, & 28-34 are allowed. Please refer to applicant's argument for details of the differences between the prior art and applicant's claim language

Conclusion

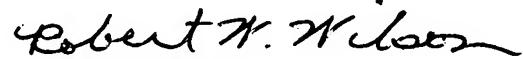
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert W. Wilson whose telephone number is 571/272-3075.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on 571/272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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